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WORK FOR OLD MEN.

Not long ago some Chicago man with the wisdom of a Socrates started out to put men over 45 years of age to work.

There were plenty of applicants, men of good character, willing, and anxious to gain a competence, but overshadowed with the horrifying thought that they were down and out, "too old" to be useful.

The movement spread fast. Large corporations became interested. Now there is a general movement in Chicago to make the plan really amount to something.

Best of all, as the men over 45 are being put to work, their children are being taken out of labor and sent to school.

When future historians write the commercial record of the United States they will make much of the period just beginning and continuing thru the early years of the 20th century when women and children began to take the place of men in the fields of production and distribution.

The record will not be at all satisfying to the generation that reads it, if we properly interpret the growing spirit of the square deal in this century.

We hold to the old fashioned theory that this country and every other country would be far happier and far better off if the women should remain in the home and the child in the school and give the man his rightful "place in the sun," the opportunity to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow and to share the fruits of that labor with those who depend upon him.

NIGHT SCHOOL FOR CONVICTS.

When the Cleveland workhouse, some ten years ago, under Tom Johnson's regime, started a night school for prisoners, the innovation was frowned on by many good people as "radical" and therefore dangerous. It didn't cost the city anything to speak of; the teachers were chosen from among the prisoners themselves, and their only compensation lay in the realization that they were rendering a service to their more ignorant companions in misery. But it was maintained by critics that the purpose of a workhouse was to punish, not to educate. It was feared that if prisoners were allowed to spend their evenings in profitable and interesting study instead of meditating solitarily on their sins, and in fitting themselves to obtain good positions when they should be released, the wholesome punitive effect of the corrective institution would be lost. It was even argued seriously that men might break the law for the sake of getting into the workhouse.

But the world moves. How fast it is moving along phenomenal lines may be inferred from the fact that the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., has now adopted the same educational system for its prisoners. Even conservative Uncle Sam is convinced of its merit. The convicts are allowed to go to night school in the evening, instead of being locked in their cells, according to the old custom. The big dining room is used as a schoolroom. The better educated prisoners teach the others. There is little purely academic instruction; the effort of the school is to fit prisoners for jobs. And the enthusiasm they show in utilizing the privilege is a revelation.

January 10, 1917—Governor Thomas Carlin nominated to the Senate for their advice and consent the name of John A. McClernand, Esq., as Secretary of State.

"Mental Antidotes for Many Ills."

A new book just off the press, Rev. Geo. H. Wood, author, is now on sale at Wheeler & Malo's.

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MAN DUNNE AIDED DIES AFTER REWARD

THOMAS SNEIDER, A LA SALLE COUNTY MURDERER, EXPIRES BEFORE BENEFITING UNDER GOVERNOR'S RULE.

Thomas Snider, a La Salle county convict, who was marked for execution after serving three years in the state prison for the murder of Louis Chan at La Salle, December 22, 1913, will not share the rewards that were promised him for good behavior and industry upon state roads and at the state farm.

Yesterday while at his work at the "farm" Snider, who was 37 years of age, was taken suddenly ill. He fell to the ground and in a few minutes died. Guards who stood nearby rushed to the aid of the stricken man, but by the time they reached his side he had expired.

Snider was doing a 14 years bit for killing Chan. He was arrested shortly after the crime and on April 15, 1914, in the circuit court he pled guilty and in a few days left in company with a deputy sheriff, for Joliet, to begin his long grind. Snider, as prison officials aver, was a model prisoner and with good time to his credit at the top of the commutation allowed by Governor Dunne, would have finished his sentence in about nine years.

At Springfield on December 21 Governor Dunne announced that Snider and Edgar Bell, a Mendota man, would be given shortened terms for their help on roads and at the honor farm. Snider was elated at the turn of fortune and dug into his duties with greater vigor than he had shown before.

Snider's grim hand intervened, however, and his body is now being held in the penitentiary morgue awaiting dissection. Relatives in La Salle county have been notified of the death but so far none of them have arrived in Joliet to take possession of the remains.

KING ALPHONSO REFUSES TO ACCEPT CABINET ACTION

London, Jan. 10.—Cabinet changes and rumors of cabinet changes have been the feature of the international political situation during the past 24 hours. There has been another reorganization of the Russian cabinet. Premier Trepoff has resigned, being succeeded by Count Goltzke. Senator Kuchitsky has been appointed Russian minister of public instruction. M. Gorkoff, deputy foreign minister, has been appointed a member of the Russian council of the empire. King Alfonso has refused to accept the resignation of the Spanish cabinet which was handed in yesterday.

Amsterdam advises that the Austrian cabinet is tottering and may soon fall.

Great significance is attached to the appointment of Prince Colikina as the premier of Russia, as he is a German by birth. He was born in Wiesbaden, Prussia. His accession has again started rumors of a separate peace for Russia. It was during the tenure of Premier Trepoff that Russia presented her strongest front, the premier having publicly declared Russia would never make peace with the enemy until her aims were attained. Chief of these was the occupation of Constantinople and the Dardanelles.

Beware of Hasty Speech.

Hasty speech is often erroneous and regrettable. To say the very least, it is frequently ungrammatical, slangy, incoherent and unintelligible. People express themselves in bad English of times not because they do not know the laws of language, but because they do not think before they speak. Many a one uses current slang because too careless to make choice of equally strong and much more elegant terms. We voice our thoughts loosely and in language which needs to be explained and re-explained because we have not taken time to use the right words in their right connections.—Overland.

Dea's Sting Causes Death.

Out in Washington the sting of a honeybee on the finger killed C. F. Gilpin. Death followed the sting within 20 minutes. An attending physician explained the suddenness of death by saying that the poison from the sting probably formed a clot, causing death when it reached either the heart or brain.

His Explanation.

The Heavy—"I hear that your interpretation of Hamlet was hissed at the High Forehead theater last night." The Lord—"Ah, yes! The performance was titled as a Shakespearean revival and I suspect some partisans of Bacon resented it."—Puck.

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The Repairing of Harricot Castle

By ELINOR MARSH

Ned Maloney in conventional evening dress was strolling through the apartments of Mrs. Winterton, who was giving a reception to the noble lord of Harricot, his lordship having recently come over from England. Ned was making his way toward the hostess, who stood receiving her guests. Lord Harricot standing beside her. Suddenly Ned stopped and stared at the Ditcher.

Had Ned a twin brother and was that brother the honored guest of the evening? Perhaps the likeness was heightened by the similarity of dress, for there is no variation in men's evening apparel. Perhaps the fact that neither wore any hair on his face also had some bearing on the resemblance. Ned retreated a short distance and gave himself up to thought. It was no secret that Lord Harricot had come over in search of a wife who would have the means to build up Harricot castle, which, having been built in the year A. D. 1200, was really in need of repairs. Indeed, the object of his lordship's visit to America had been privately given by Mrs. Winterton to a few of the wealthiest girls with a view to facilitating the success of his undertaking, for it was to be understood that any marriage that might take place would be one of convenience.

Ned had seen and admired a certain lady and had worshiped her in secret. What put it into his head to pose himself off as Lord Harricot to this Miss Geraldine Mortimer he could never quite explain. Nevertheless the idea somehow got lodged there and took root. Miss Mortimer was in very moderate circumstances, which did not fill the bill at all. On the other hand, Ned was rich.

Ned refrained from greeting the hostess, as he was bound to do, and left the house, so that the resemblance between himself and the noble lord was not noticed. The next day he called on his friend, Mrs. Amy Lee, and imparted his scheme. Mrs. Lee, who was a natural seeker after interesting situations, gladly promised to introduce him to Miss Mortimer as Lord Harricot.

Miss Mortimer had caught a glimpse of his lordship at the opera, and he had met her gaze admiringly. She was therefore not surprised when she was informed that he had asked for an introduction to her. Nevertheless, having heard a report of the object of his visit to America and supposing that she would be expected to repair Harricot castle, which she was unable to do, she hesitated as to granting permission for the introduction. But there is always an expectation with a woman that she may be loved for herself. At any rate, Miss Mortimer finally consented.

During the short period of Ned Maloney's devotion to Geraldine Mortimer as Lord Harricot the imposture was constantly on the eve of being discovered. Several times he supposed that it was all up with him. But his good fortune stood by him, and when he was ready to confess the trick he was not even suspected.

Ned made short work of his wooing. Indeed, he dare not make long work of it. One day, being encouraged, he proposed, pretending that he had understood Miss Mortimer to be wealthy, and giving her to understand that his proposal carried with it an agreement on her part not only to settle half a million on her husband, but settle another half million on the home of his ancestors.

Miss Mortimer had been wondering whether Harricot's attentions came from love or whether he had been misled as to her pecuniary status. When her mind was relieved she was greatly disappointed. The trouble was that she had lost her heart to him. Tears stood in her eyes as she confessed that she was without the means to purchase his lordship.

Then Ned, being convinced that she loved him, confessed that he was not a lord at all, that he was an ordinary American citizen, and that if she would accept him with love in a cottage, which is another name for poverty, his proposition held good.

Miss Mortimer must have been very much in love to forgive the deception, especially since Ned had no plausible reason for having made it. But she did forgive him and was very much delighted that after all she need not give up the man she loved because she had not the means to put stone and mortar into an old pile, the glory of which had departed when it was captured by the house of Lancaster during the War of the Roses. Ned pleased her first with his expressions of love, which were sincere, and second, told her that he could not lavish wealth upon her, which was likewise sincere.

However, he did not try to keep up this deception as to his finances, and one morning drove her to a palatial home in the center of spacious grounds and informed her that it was Harricot castle and needed no repairs, since it was just finished. As to the title, she would be obliged to get on without it.

Miss Mortimer was very happy. As for the real Lord Harricot, he married the daughter of a multimillionaire. She repaired the family home, but never lived in it. Before the repairs were finished his lordship as deserted himself with a musk hall lady that his wife divorced him.

One Exception to Rule.
A good cook is not without good wings, often except in her own house, where he who cuts her cooking is her own husband.

FREEDOM.

Wm. Stafford, of Tontona, spent the week end with his daughter, Mrs. C. G. Laury.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Clark and Lester Clark, of Ottawa, were Freedom riders Saturday night.

The Harding Ladies' Aid will have a box sale in Wiley's store Saturday, January 13th, from 1 o'clock to 6 o'clock. The box sale will meet at the church Friday evening. This is just a business meeting and there will be no pictures.

Mrs. Wm. Fente was a Chicago visitor part of last week. The Chicago club meets with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wiley this week.

Mrs. W. L. Ford and daughter, Miss Doris, of Chicago, visited relatives here part of last week.

Rev. and Mrs. O'Connor returned to Evanston Monday after spending the past ten days here.

Debert Latta, of Baker, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Ralph Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Albertson were Chicago visitors last week.

The official board of the Harding church met at the parsonage Monday evening. Harry Leech, of Tulsa, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Mrs. Edna Smith has been real sick for the past week.

Frank Lamb has gone to Wyoming, Ill., to visit relatives.

Mrs. Sheridan Sellers has returned home from the city hospital in Aurora where she has been for the past four weeks. She is improving quite rapidly and hopes to soon be in her usual health.

Miss Meade, of Ottawa, who teaches the Miller school, has been sick with colic for the past week. Miss Frances Kellogg has been substituting for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Aiken and Mr. and Mrs. Marian Warren were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brignon Sunday.

Raymond Carr visited his sister, Mrs. Richard Terry, Thursday and Friday of last week.

Clement Laury was on the sick list last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brignon and Mr. and Mrs. Marian Warren visited the Sheridan O. E. S. Thursday night of last week. Mrs. Warren acted as installing officer and Mrs. Brignon as marshal.

Miss Ruth Moser was the week end guest of Miss Lea Billbury in Streator.

Mrs. Wm. Stafford spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Laury. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moser were Leland visitors last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woods, of Paw Paw, were guests at the home of Clara Terry last Thursday.

Ray Wiley and daughter, Miss Doris, were both under the doctor's care part of last week.

Miss Lily Larson and Mrs. Merton Larson entertained several friends at their home last Saturday afternoon in honor of their cousin, Miss Clara Larson, a soon-to-be bride. The guests showered Miss Larson with many beautiful presents. Dainty refreshments were served.

The Harding Ladies' Aid will serve an Easter supper in the M. E. basement Friday evening, January 26th, from 6 until 8 o'clock. The menu will consist of scalloped oysters, fruit salad, lamb and butter, celery, coffee and assorted cake. A program will also be given. The admission fee of thirty-five cents includes both supper and program. Everybody come.

Miss Terry sold his farming implements, stock and some household goods last Thursday. He and Omer Moser plan to leave soon for Florida, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Sheridan Sellers was an Aurora visitor last Friday and Saturday.

Wm. Fleming, of Weidron, was a Freedom visitor part of last week.

The special meetings which have been held in the M. E. church for the past ten days closed Sunday night.

The box social at the Wright school last Wednesday night cleared a little more than \$22. A good program was given by the pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woodward, of Lyndon, Ill., are guests of Mrs. Ida Smith.

A few from this vicinity attended the meeting of the Social Circle at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Warren last Saturday.

Mrs. Everett Pool was the guest of honor at a variety shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pool last Friday afternoon. About twenty-five guests were present. The home was very prettily decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being pink, white and green. A fortune cake was passed and Miss Blanche Moser found the ruy and Miss Ruth Moser the coin. Light refreshments were served.

About thirty relatives and friends of Mrs. Pool were present. It was a hard times party and nearly all the guests were dressed in old clothes. A hard times supper was served in paper sacks.

Many people have been quite seriously sick with the gripe during the past month. Among those who have been under the doctor's care are Mrs. Wm. Parker and Mrs. Elmer Pritchett.

The B. 4's gave Mrs. Edna Olson a "variety shower" at the Edgar Thompson home last Wednesday afternoon. There were about thirty guests and Mrs. Olson received many beautiful gifts that will help her furnish her new home. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Walter Thorsen and Miss Clara Larson were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Larson, on Saturday last.

CONVICT YOUTH IN "BUBBLE" MURDER

ROY HINDERLITER FOUND GUILTY OF SLAYING ELIZABETH RATCLIFFE, HIS OLNEY, ILL., SWEETHEART.

Olney, Ill., Jan. 10.—Roy Hinderliter, accused of causing the death of Elizabeth Ratcliffe, his sweetheart, by introducing air bubbles into her electrolysis system was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury early today.

The verdict was rendered at 4:15 a. m., twelve hours after the jury received the case, following the returning of a similar verdict 45 minutes later, which, however, was not permitted to stand when one of the jurors expressed dissatisfaction with it.

The jury first announced itself ready with a verdict at 3:30 o'clock this morning. Court was called to order and a slip of paper handed the clerk.

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of manslaughter," he read.

The defense demanded a poll of the jury.

"Are you satisfied with this verdict?" the first juror was asked.

"No, I am not," was the emphatic reply.

Then the court ordered the jury to retire for further consideration and the second verdict was brought in confirming the first.

Larson on Wednesday evening, January 10th, at 6 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Englestadt in the presence of about one hundred relatives and close friends. The young couple received many useful and beautiful presents. We extend congratulations and best wishes.

Walter Marshall and family have moved on the Terry farm.

The O. E. S. held their installation last Wednesday evening. Miss Marian Warren was installing officer, E. C. Brignon installing marshal and Mrs. Clyde Aiken organist, and Clyde Aiken installing chaplain. The following officers were installed: W. L. Mrs. E. C. Brignon; W. P. E. C. Brignon; A. M. Mrs. Wm. Hinkson; Secretary, Mrs. Marion Warren; Treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Wiley; Conductor, Ethel Cody; Marshal, Earl Moser; Ada, Mrs. Jas. Shaw; Esther, Mrs. Wm. Ford; Electa, Mrs. Anna Goodman; Warner, Leslie McClure; Sentinel, Jas. Shaw.

Miss Mollie Terry was married to Mr. Edward C. Ott in Monroe, Ohio, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lendrum in the M. E. parsonage. The bride wore a beautiful dress of gray crepe de chene with cut steel trimmings and a velvet hat. She is one of Freedom's best known and most highly respected young women and since her mother's death several years ago has had main charge of the Terry home. Mr. Ott, altho a stranger in this neighborhood, has made many friends on his trips here. For the present they will make their home at Todelo, O. We extend heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cody and sons were recent visitors Sunday. Rev. Bishop has purchased a Ford auto.

Rudolph Worsley and Miss Ada Holstler, of Triumph, were guests of Frank Olmstead's Saturday.

The Community Club of Harding met with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moser on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. George Shuler will entertain the B. 4's at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. E. Ruger, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 20th.

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Johnson A. Carr, Solicitors.

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Dated at Ottawa, this 9th day of January, 1917.

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EDW. G. ZILM, Clerk of Probate Court, La Salle County, Illinois.

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